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MINERAL EXPLORATION
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the actual target and achievements of mineral exploration during the last three years;

(b) whether target has not been achieved for the above period;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the fixed targets ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) : The actual target and achievements of mineral exploration during the last three years of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) are as under:

GSI MINERAL EXPLORATION

	2002-03		2003-04			2004-05		
	Target	Achi	% Achie.	Target	Achiev % Achie	Target	Achie	% Achi.
Large scale Mapping (Sq.Km.)	1189.54	1254.80	105	1021.05	1027 100.5	922.135	1041.05	112.9
Detailed Mapping(Sq.Km)	30.316	32.286	106	30.745	36.26 118	27.237	34.772	127.7
Drilling (metre)	92797.60	93388.78	100.6	88540.70	81995.90 92.6	87129.44	82209.86	94.4

MECL MINERAL EXPLORATION

	2002-03			2003-04			2004-05		
	Target	Achi	% Achie.	Target	Achiev	% Achie	Target	Achie	% Achi.
Drilling [m]	200000	119994	60.00	165000	172281	104.41	165000	173144	104.93
Developmental Mining [m]	5000	3372	67.44	5000	3357	67.14	6000	7525	125.42

(c) : The shortfall in achieving the annual targets of GSI in drilling was owing to breakdown of rigs, unexpected difficult strata conditions, etc.

The shortfall in achievement of the physical target by MECL was mainly owing to non-availability of sufficient promotional work.

(d) : GSI has geared up its entire process of prioritization and procurement to achieve the targets.

As far as MECL is concerned, close monitoring of projects, timely logistic support, obtaining more contractual work for effective deployment of the available resources has resulted in improvement of performance and the targets during the year 2004-05 were achieved.